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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)

Sir:

Applicant and the undersigned attorney received a Notice of Abandonment dated January 12, 2005 for the above-identified patent application in which the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) has indicated that the application was abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on May 10, 2004. Applicant and the undersigned attorney respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a) for the following reason.

Applicant and the undersigned attorney respectfully submit herewith a true and accurate copy of the timely-filed Response as filed on June 22, 2004 as evidenced by a copy of the return postcard receipt date stamped by the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) on June 24, 2005.

No fees are believed due with the above filing in accordance with the Rules of the MPEP under 711.03(c)(I). However, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayments in any fees paid to Deposit Account No. 13-0439.

Entry of the attached copy of the Response previously filed on June 24, 2004 is

respectfully requested.

Michael A. Slavin

Respectfully submitted

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 04/15/2004.

· No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNAVOIDABLE DELAY must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay: (2) the required reply to the aboveidentified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(I); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNINTENTIONAL **DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the aboveidentified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

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This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application under 37 CFR §1.53(b), the Notice being dated May 10, 2004.

Submitted herewith are:

- (a) a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
- (b) a Declaration form executed by the inventor; and
- (c) a check in the amount of \$493.00, which covers the basic filing fee of \$385.00, the additional claim fees of \$43.00, and the surcharge of \$65.00.

Having now complied with all of the outstanding filing requirements, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be placed upon the files for examination.

Date: 6/27/04

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

Additional claim fees of \$43 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are
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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$493 for a Small Entity

- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
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